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CHECK ISSUANCES

- A. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) issues cash assistance and food stamp benefits to customers in Maryland by an electronic benefit transfer system
- B. There are, however, instances when a check is issued to a:
 - 1. Vendor for emergency assistance
 - 2. Vendor for burial assistance
 - 3. Third party for a child specific benefit payment
 - 4. Customer eligible for a Welfare Avoidance Grant (WAG)

Note: Some Public Assistance to Adults (PAA) customer providers also receive payments by check.

PROCEDURES

- A. When a check issuance is required because of one of the reasons stated in Check Issuances above, the case manager will:
 - 1. Enter the case on CARES
 - 2. Use local procedures to authorize a check issuance and notify the local Fiscal office
- B. The DHR Fiscal office staff will issue the check, and
 - 1. Mail it to the vendor, 3rd party, or provider, or
 - 2. Deliver it by courier to the local department for the customer to pick up

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Burial Assistance
- Child Specific Benefit
- Emergency Assistance
- Welfare Avoidance Grant

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